

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

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May 4, 2004

FROM: THOMAS L. SUTTON, Interim Director
Special Districts Department

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San Bernardino County Consolidated Fire District

**SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE THE RE-ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID, FOR CONSTRUCTION OF
NEW FIRE STATION NO. 75, IN MUSCOY CENTRAL VALLEY FIRE
PROTECTION DISTRICT**

RECOMMENDATION: Acting as the governing body of Central Valley Fire Protection District (CVFPD):

1. Authorize the re-advertisement for bids to construct a new 6,277 square foot Fire Station No. 75 in the Muscoy area;
2. Approve the value engineered plans and specification modifications for this project, on file with the Special Districts Department.
3. Direct the Special Districts Department to conduct the advertisement for bids and to return to the Board for contract award recommendation upon conclusion of the bid process.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The CVFPD, a fire district within the San Bernardino County Fire Department, is responsible for fire suppression in the Muscoy area. The Muscoy fire station currently maintains and operates one fire engine and one-water tender, which are located in a converted residence. This fire station is substandard as an essential services facility and does not meet the building criteria for a standard fire station.

On March 13, 2001, the Board of Supervisors accepted a donation of land for the site of a future fire station in Muscoy. On January 14, 2003, the Board approved an agreement with STK Architecture for design and engineering services for the new fire station. A Conditional Use Permit was issued on August 28, 2003 and the plans were reviewed and approved by the San Bernardino County Building and Safety Division, within the Land Use Services Department.

On December 16, 2003, the Board authorized the Special Districts Department to advertise for bids to construct a new fire station. On January 29, 2004, five bids were received with the lowest bid being approximately \$400,000 over budget. The District deemed that it was in their best interest to reject all bids received, complete a value engineering assessment, and review cost reduction measures with the Architect to allow for the project to continue. On April 13, 2004 the Board approved the rejection of all bids.

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Value engineering and a cost reduction assessment was accomplished on April 13, 2004. The Architect and CVFPD agreed to eliminate and consolidate some construction items that would bring cost savings to the project (such as elimination of an on site storage building). CVFPD will also budget additional funds in fiscal year 2004-2005 to cover any material and labor cost increases that may be incurred due to the projects delay. The new construction cost estimate is \$1,725,000 and will be funded from various resources with the majority coming from CVFPD.

Recommendation No. 1 will authorize the Special Districts Department to re-advertise for bids for the construction of a new fire station in Muscoy. Recommendation No. 2 will approve modified and value engineered plans and specifications for the project, and Recommendation No. 3 will allow the Special Districts Department to act on behalf of the CVFPD as Project Managers for the bidding process and contract negotiation on this project.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL BY OTHERS: This action has been reviewed and approved by County Counsel (Daniel B. Haueter, Chief Deputy, 387-5467) on April 14, 2004, and reviewed and approved by the County Administrative Office (Wayne Thies Administrative Analyst, 387-5409) on April 16, 2004.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: The cost for the re-advertisement of bids will be approximately \$5,000 for duplication, printing, mailing and administrative costs. Advertisement costs are included in the Districts approved fiscal year 2003/2004 Capital Improvement Project Budget of \$1,400,000 (CLH 580). Remaining funding shortfall will be budgeted for in FY 2004/2005 for an amount of approximately \$400,000 to fully fund and complete the project. Additionally, two approved Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) totaling \$150,000 will be used to fund portions of the necessary improvements that may include off-site (street) improvements, a fuel tank and a perimeter block wall.

COST REDUCTION REVIEW: The County Administrative Office has reviewed this agenda item and concurs with the department's request and recommends this action based on the need for the betterment of community services to improve the life, safety and welfare of the residents by constructing a fire station in the Muscoy community. The expenditures for this project are partially funded within the District's Fiscal Year 2003/04 Capital Improvement Project Budget, and additional funding will be budgeted in FY 2004/05. There is no impact on the County's General Fund.

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